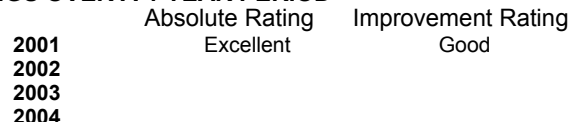


**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Excellent  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Good

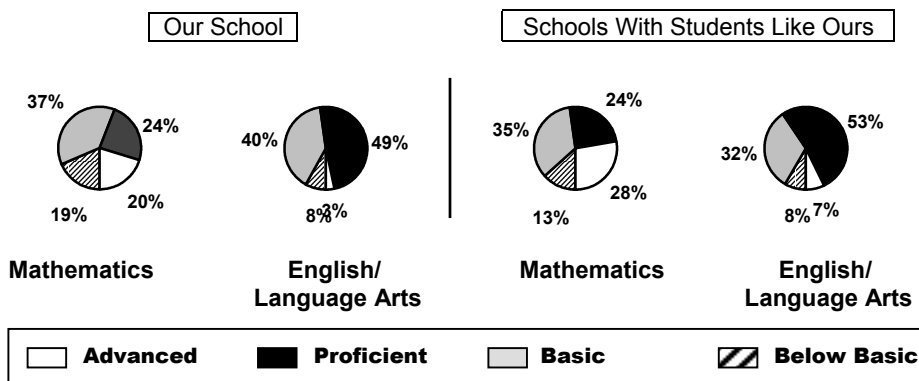
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 24.  
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=385)</b>	91.9	81.3	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=15)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=370)	92.7	82.2		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=186)	90.3	79		
Female (n=199)	93.5	83.4		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=190)	88.9	68.9		
Hispanic (n=9)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=180)	96.1	93.9		
Other (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=63)	77.8	57.1		
Pay for lunch (n=322)	94.7	86		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,262	N/A	\$4,915	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.3%	Up from 87.2%	91.1%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	N/A	20.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=813)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.9%	Down from 97.6%	96.8%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	1.3%	N/A	0.5%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	1.3%	N/A	0.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	94.9%	Up from 92.2%	94.9%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.2%	1.6%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=52)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.8 Days	Up from 7.9	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.2%	Up from 91.1%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	59.6%	Down from 66.7%	55%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.5%	Up from 84.8%	88%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	78.2%	Down from 78.6%	87.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,524	Up 0.7%	\$38,898	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.3%	N/A	67.1%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3.5	N/A	3.3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	96.2%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	20.9%	Up from 13.4%	22.6%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	0.4%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	33.7%	Down from 40.2%	31.9%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	5.5%	Up from 3.8%	6.1%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

In only its eighth year of existence, Rice Creek was named a 2000-2001 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Dept. of Education! This honor is a result of a commitment to student achievement and success by all stakeholders. Collaboratively, the Rice Creek faculty and staff, parents, businesses, community members and students align goals and work energetically to provide a safe, supportive and positive environment that empowers all students to learn through developmentally-appropriate, active and engaging experiences. Our community involvement is verified by our honor of being named a Flagship School by the American Schools of Promise Program, and our former SIC chair receiving the S.C. State Department's Partner in Education Award.

While Rice Creek's PACT scores were admirable in 1999, the 2000 results for all grade levels showed improvements in both English/Language Arts and Math and were considerably higher than the state average. The impact of the hard work of our staff, students and parents shows as well as the success of initiatives such as Reading Renaissance, Math SuperStars and our Dolphin Publishing Center. Test scores alone cannot depict the extreme efforts and achievements of our students in the fine arts, foreign language and service learning. Rice Creek boasts the highest student attendance in the district for the past two years. We have also earned the distinction as a South Carolina Exemplary Writing School. This narrative was written prior to the release of the 2001 PACT results; these results will be carefully analyzed and strategies will be implemented for continued improvement.

Rice Creek's theme, Navigating Our World, permeates our facility and our culture of excellence. Our Professional Development School relationship with USC fosters continuous self-evaluation and helps our staff to chart courses for success—infusing best practices for teaching and learning and providing opportunities for teachers to grow professionally. Armed with state-of-the-art tools, our students are at the front of the fleet, seeking information beyond the school walls, making new discoveries, and creating their own works. Rice Creek never anchors long. Our exploding growth will continue to challenge us all, but we'll maintain our course of high expectations and set sail for new triumphs in our awesome journey for student success!

Linda Hall

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	93.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	87.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	93.3	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades PRE-K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 813 Students

#### Principal

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#### Superintendent

Stephen W. Hefner 803-738-3236

#### Board Chair

Michael Montgomery 803-779-3500

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Excellent

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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